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Items for the Daily Log - 2 April 1954

Legislative Counsel

1. A conversation which Senator Mansfield has allegedly had with Washington attorney James Rowe on the subject of his resolution to establish a Joint Committee on Central Intelligence has been reported by Mr. Houston. Senator Mansfield was alleged to have stated that he had no ulterior motives in introducing his resolution and that his only reasons for doing so and just what he meant are included in his speech of 10 March. He claims that he wasn't particularly looking for anything for himself and doesn't care whether or not he is on the Committee. He felt, however, that if he did not introduce his resolution, someone else might do so and it could be worse than the Mansfield version. The Senator feels that the resolution will not get anywhere, at least at this session of the Congress. Furthermore, he feels that possibly the best committee would be one composed of the Vice-President, the Speaker, and the Majority and Minority Leaders.

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